



Series: Jude 2024 - Contending for Real Faith

Passage: Jude: 1:20-21(part 7)

Title: The Perseverance of the Saints

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Discussion Starter – Describe, in your own words, what is meant by the theological expression, “Perseverance of the Saints”. What does it mean to persevere? Who is responsible for assuring that each believer endures in his or her faith?

- 1) After many different warnings, Jude encourages us to build ourselves in our faith. What is NOT meant by this sentence?
- 2) **Read Matthew 7:24-27.** What is the foundation of faith that we have been given?
- 3) What does it mean to make Jesus “Lord of your life”? The first of 3 pieces of advice to “build ourselves”.
 - a) What are some of the choices you make each day that demonstrate the Lordship of Jesus in your life?
- 4) Why is bible study critical to building yourself up in the faith? Explain the difference between reading and studying the bible?
- 5) What 5 tips were given to help you study the bible well?
 - b) Which of these tips do you do well? Which are most effective for you? Which ones do you hope to start or increase?
- 6) What were the 5 books of the bible that were recommended for which every serious believer should have a good understanding? How are you doing in your personal bible study?
- 7) **Read Galatians 2:20.** What does it mean to “die to your flesh”?
 - c) What is God’s call for your life? Are you willing to embrace it even if it is uncomfortable for you? What is the first decision you can make to walk in closer conformance to God’s calling for you today?
- 8) **Read Jude 20.** Describe “praying in the Holy Spirit”. Is this a different form of prayer? Why is it critical for building ourselves up in faith?
- 9) **Read Jude 21.** What does it mean to “keep ourselves in the love of God”?
 - d) What level of humility is described in this verse? Is this your experience with God?
- 10) **Read Galatians 6:1.** Why is “looking for mercy” important advice following the sharp and urgent warnings of apostasy in the church? How does it complete the prior advice to “contend for the faith” and to identify “men who have crept in”?
 - e) How does your experience of mercy affect your response to others who are in error? How does it affect your response to those who are causing division and destroying the flock? (**Read Jude 22-23**)